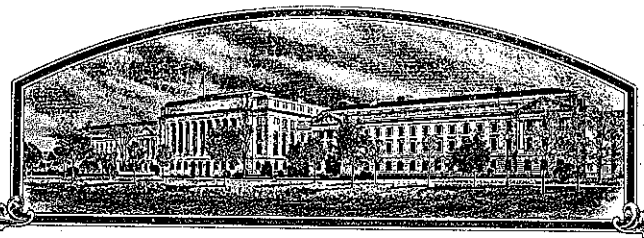

No. 9500005

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Genecorp, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. IN THE UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'HT331 STS'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Attest:

Marsha A. Stanton
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Dan Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture

FORM APPROVED: OMB 0581-0055, Expires 1/31/91

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) *(as it is to appear on the Certificate)*
GENECORP, INC.

2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NO.
C89-0061

3. VARIETY NAME
HT331 STS

4. ADDRESS *(street and no. or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP)*
205 N Michigan
Oxford, IN 47971

5. PHONE *(Include area code)*
317-385-2201

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FILING
Date: Oct. 13, 1994
Time: ☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.

FEES RECEIVED
Filing and Examination Fee: $ 2,325.00
Date: Oct. 13, 1994
Certificate Fee: $ 300.00
Date: May 23, 1997

6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME
Glycine max

7. FAMILY NAME *(Botanical)*
Leguminosae

8. CROP KIND NAME *(Common Name)*
Soybean

9. DATE OF DETERMINATION
October 1989

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION *(Corporation, partnership, association, etc.)*
Corporation

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION
California

12. DATE OF INCORPORATION
March 16, 1982

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS

Alan K. Walker Ph: 608-755-1777
5926 E US HWY 14
Janesville, WI 53546-8655

Valarie Oostindie
205 N Michigan
Oxford, IN 47971

PHONE *(Include area code)*:

14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED *(Follow INSTRUCTIONS on reverse)*

- a. [X] Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety.
- b. [X] Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
- c. [X] Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety.
- d. [X] Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.
- e. [X] Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.
- f. [X] Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds). Date Seed Sample mailed to Plant Variety Protection Office _____.
- g. [X] Filing and Examination Fee ($2,150) made payable to "Treasurer of the United States."

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? *(See section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)*
[X] YES *(If "YES," answer items 16 and 17 below)* ☐ NO *(If "NO," skip to item 18 below)*

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?
☐ YES [X] NO

17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?
☐ YES *(If "YES," through* ☐ Plant Variety Protection Act ☐ Patent Act. Give date: _____.)
[X] NO

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?
☐ YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates)
[X] NO

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE
Alan K. Walker	Director	7-15-94
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE
Valarie A. Oostindie	Administrator	7-22-94

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EXHIBIT A
ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF HT331 STS

1987	Cross was made in December 1987 in a winter nursery. Parentage: A3935 * (A3205 * W20) W20 = Mutant of Williams with Als1 gene for tolerance to sulfonylurea herbicides.
1988-1989	Grew F_1, F_2, and F_3 generations in winter nursery. F_2 and F_3 plants were sprayed with a sulfonylurea herbicide and tolerant plants were advanced via nodified single seed descent. Grew bulk F_3 population from which individual plants were harvested and thrashed.
1989	F_3 derived F_4 lines were evaluated in progeny rows in the midwest. Line C89-0061 was harvested in bulk and selected for advancement. Seeds were checked for uniform hila color and seed coat luster. C89-0061 was determined to be a stable line in October of 1989.
1990	Yield tested at three locations.
	Yield tested at ten locations. Individual F_6 plants were pulled in the fall of 1991 and purity rows were grown in winter nursery. Presence of the dominant allele, Als1, which confers tolerance to sulfonylurea herbicides was confirmed via the "seed soak screen" as outlined by Sebastian, et al. (Crop Science 29:1403-1408.
1992	Yield tested at nineteen locations. A sub-line yield test was grown of F_6 derived sub-lines in the F_8 generation and 10 uniform sub-lines were bulked to form breeder seed and increased in winter nursery.
1993	Yield tested at sixteen locations. Foundation seed was grown in the midwest. C89-0061 was nominated for release and assigned the designation HT331 STS.

1994	Yield tested at nine locations. Commercial seed is being grown for the first time sales. Yield trials from 1990 to 1993 and seed production in 1992 and 1993 indicates that HT331 STS is uniform and stable. As with other soybean varieties, variants can occur for almost any character during the course of repeated sexual reproduction.

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EXHIBIT B
NOVELTY STATEMENT CONCERNING HT331 STS

To our knowledge, the soybean variety that most closely resembles HT331 STS is A3304.

		HT331 STS	A3304
1.	Flower Color	White	White
2.	Pubescence Color	Tawny	Tawny
3.	Pod Wall Color	Tan	Tan
4.	Hilum Color	Black	Black
5.	Peroxidase	Low	High
6.	Electrophoretic Band	Spla	Splb
7.	Als1	Present	Present
8.	Phytophthora Gene	rps	rps

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (Glycine max L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
GENECORP, INC.	C89-0061	HT331 STS

ADDRESS *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)*
205 N Michigan
OxFord, IN 47971

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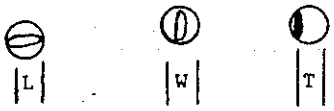
Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., [0][9]). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:

[2]



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ **2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other *(Specify)* _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

[1] 1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ **4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)**

[1][6] Grams per 100 seeds

★ **5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[6] 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other *(Specify)* _____

★ **6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ **7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:**

[1] 1 = Low 2 = High

★ **8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:**

[1] 1 = Type A ($SP1^a$) 2 = Type B ($SP1^b$)

★ **9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:**

[2] 1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ **10. LEAFLET SHAPE:**

[3] 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other *(Specify)* _____

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11. LEAFLET SIZE:

[2] 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

[2] 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

★ **13. FLOWER COLOR:**

[1] 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

★ **14. POD COLOR:**

[1] 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ **15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:**

[2] 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

[2] 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ **17. PLANT HABIT:**

[3] 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ **18. MATURITY GROUP:**

[ ][0] 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ **19. DISEASE REACTION:** (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Bacterial Pustule *(Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis)*

★ [0] Bacterial Blight *(Pseudomonas glycinea)*

★ [0] Wildfire *(Pseudomonas tabaci)*

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Brown Spot *(Septoria glycines)*

Frogeye Leaf Spot *(Cercospora sojina)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [0] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [0] Race 5 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Target Spot *(Corynespora cassiicola)*

[0] Downy Mildew *(Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica)*

[2] Powdery Mildew *(Microsphaera diffusa)*

★ [1] Brown Stem Rot *(Cephalosporium gregatum)*

[0] Stem Canker *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora)*

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

★ [0] Pod and Stem Blight *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae)*

[0] Purple Seed Stain *(Cercospora kikuchii)*

[0] Rhizoctonia Root Rot *(Rhizoctonia solani)*

Phytophthora Rot *(Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae)*

★ [1] Race 1 [1] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [1] Race 5 [0] Race 6 [ ] Race 7

[1] Race 8 [1] Race 9 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

[0] Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

[0] Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

★ [0] Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

[0] Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

★ [0] Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode *(Heterodera glycines)*

★ [1] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Lance Nematode *(Hoplolaimus Colombus)*

★ [0] Southern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne incognita)*

★ [0] Northern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne Hapla)*

[0] Peanut Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne arenaria)*

[0] Reniform Nematode *(Rotylenchulus reniformis)*

[0] OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM *(Specify):* _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

★ [1] Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

[0] Mexican Bean Beetle *(Epilachna varivestis)*

[0] Potato Leaf Hopper *(Empoasca fabae)*

[0] Other *(Specify)* _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A3304	Seed Coat Luster	A3304
Leaf Shape	A3304	Seed Size	A3304
Leaf Color	A3304	Seed Shape	A3304
Leaf Size	A3304	Seedling Pigmentation	A3304

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted HT331 STS	133	2.4	88	7.1	11.9	40.7	20.8	16	2.6
Name of Similar Variety A3304	133	2.3	90	7.1	12.0	40.6	21.0	16	2.7

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. Caldwell, B.E., ed. 1973. Soybeans: Improvement, Production, and Uses. Amer. Soc. Agron. Monograph No. 16.
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EXHIBIT D
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

HT331 STS is a early maturity group III variety. It is a STS™ variety with the Als1 gene conferring tolerance to sulfonylurea herbicides. HT331 STS is a white flowered, tawny pubescent, black hila variety with tan pod walls, dull seed coat luster, ovate leaf shape, indeterminate plant type, low peroxidase activity, and type A seed protein electrophoretic band.

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF BASIS OF APPLICANT OWNERSHIP

HT331 STS was originated and developed under the direction of Alan K. Walker. By agreement between Genecorp, Inc., all rights to any invention, discovery or development made by employees are assigned to the company. No rights of such invention, discovery or development are retained by the employee.